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AND PASSPORT TRANSACTIONS SYSTEM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 6 and 28 as follows:

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6. (Three Times Amended) A passport transaction apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:
a receipt issuer unit for issuing receipt authorization data for checking an applicant when a passport is issued to the applicant on a later day; and